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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 31 as follows:

In regard to its method aspect that object is attained by a method having the features of ~~claim 1~~ the appended method claims and in regard to its apparatus aspect by an apparatus having the features recited in ~~claim 8~~ the appended apparatus claims.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 4 as follows:

Figures 5A and 5B show a side view and a view from below of a component with L-shaped connections, and a side view and a view from below of a component with J-shaped connections, respectively[[.]],

Please add a new paragraph after the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 4 as follows:

Figure 6 is a view of part of a further embodiment with light guides and an integrated image-recording device and storage and evaluation unit.

Please add a new paragraph after the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 28 as follows:

Figure 6 shows an apparatus in which the image-recording device and the storage and evaluation unit are integrated in a structural unit such as, for example, a so-called 'smart camera'

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14. Figure 6 also shows an apparatus in which the means for beam deflection have a light guide arrangement (one or more glass fiber bundles) 16.